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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

175th meeting.

January 28, 1919.

With President Clark in the chair, and about 75 members and guests in the audience, Miss Janet Richards, the well-known lecturer, gave an address on the "Founding of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution." A committee was appointed to draft a Resolution on the death of ex-President Roosevelt, consisting of Col. Benjamin F. Bingham, Mr. Roberts and Judge Barnard.

It being the Annual Meeting, reports of officers were read, followed by election of officers and managers for ensuing year.

176th meeting.

February 25, 1919.

As it was an inclement night, a small number of members and guests were present. The President presided, and introduced Mr. James F. Hood, who read a history of "The Cottage of David Burnes and Its Dining Room Mantel." The second paper was entitled, "The Naming of the Seat of Government of the United States of America" in which Dr. Wm. Tindall proved that the City of Washington was finally named as the "seat of government" by Act of Congress of February 11, 1895. Both papers were discussed by President Clark, Judge Barnard, Dr. Tindall and Mr. Dennis.

177th meeting.

March 25, 1919.

A large audience was present in the Gold Room of The Shoreham, with President Clark in the chair. The accession of 21 new members and the death on the 23d instant, of Mr. William Henry Dennis, were announced.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Virginia King Frye, whose subject was "The History of St. Patrick's Church." Discussion of the paper was participated in by Mongr. Thomas, Rector of the Church, President Clark and Mrs. Downing.

178th meeting.

April 22, 1919.

President Clark presided, and an audience of about 100 members and guests assembled in the Gold Room of The Shoreham. The chair announced the death of Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hearst, of Pleasanton, California, a member of the Society; also the addition of 43 new members, mostly of of the legal profession. The historian of the evening, Dr. Sarah M. Huddleson, then read a remarkably full yet concise paper on, "Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth and Her Cottage."

The Resolution of sympathy on the death of Mr. William Henry Dennis, prepared by President Clark was read. Mr. John Paul Earnest read a memorial paper on Mr. Dennis, and verbal tributes to his memory were added. (Copy of Resolution and Memorial paper appear in Vol. 22.)

179th meeting.

May 20, 1919.

Stormy weather prevented the large attendance expected on the occasion of this meeting. The Resolution on the death of Theodore Roosevelt was read and adopted by the Society. Col. Benjamin F. Bingham added a glowing eulogy as a personal friend, and President Clark dwelt on the literary side of ex-President Roosevelt.

The Secretary read a paper entitled "A Sketch of the National Game of Baseball," written by Mr. George Wright of Boston, one of the earliest professional players of that game, who was in the audience.

An exhibition of colored lantern slides, by Mr. Ralph Hayes Hamilton followed, depicting many beautiful and unusual scenes in this country from Washington to the Pacific coast.

180th meeting.

October 21, 1919.

The fall opening meeting was held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club. President Clark presided and there were about 60 persons present.

The paper was "Life and Times of Joseph Gales, Jr.," by Mr. Clark, being another of the list of biographies of mayors of the City of Washington, which this society is compiling. Discussion followed by President Clark, Mr. Henry E. Davis and Mr. Washington Topham.

Announcement was made of the dedication of the reconstructed Court House, to take place shortly, in which prominent parts will be taken by members of this Society,—Mr. Henry E. Davis, who will make an address, and Mrs. Downing and Mr. Noel, who have collaborated in writing a “History of the Court House.”

181st meeting

November 18, 1919.

The Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club was filled to hear Mr. Clarence A. Phillips deliver a lecture, conducting the audience along unusual pathways, and illustrating his talk with new and artistic views around Washington, Arlington and Mt. Vernon. A rising vote of thanks was extended Mr. Phillips.

182d meeting.

December 16, 1919.

The final meeting of the year was held in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club, with the President presiding and about 50 members and guests present. The Chair announced the death on November 21, 1919, of Dr. James Dudley Morgan, former President and a member of the Society, practically from the beginning, and stated that suitable tributes would be paid his memory at a future date.

Dr. William Tindall read a paper on “Some Recollections of a Surgical Tragedy,” dealing with the case of President James A. Garfield.

The second paper of the evening was a “Short History of Anacostia,” partially written by Mr. Charles Burr, who, however, died before the completion of his paper. The data collected by Mr. Burr was turned over to Mr. Clark who completed the sketch, as read by him at this meeting. Additional facts were contributed by Mrs. Downing.